

mill though it could not attract a railroad line. However it could not survive as an operating mill forever, finally closing its doors in 1973.

But that is not the end of the story. A group of citizens decided that it was essential to save this heritage landmark for future generations. They did not turn to government for federal grants or lobby to have the site added to the state park system. Like good Ozarkers they knew they could do the job themselves. Using local donations they bought the mill and 32 surrounding acres to form the Jolly Mill Park and formed the Jolly Mill Park Foundation.

The Foundation has an ongoing commitment to protect the history and heritage of rural Missouri. Not only have they restored the mill to its condition at the turn of the century. Nevertheless, they have also moved and restored a 90-year-old iron bridge and a one room school house built over a century ago.

The park, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a gift from the Foundation to the community. Its visitors can make their way to the old limestone slab foundation and hand-hewn and pegged framing timbers of the old mill to relax, reflect and to better understand the lives of those who settled there and developed the area.

Mr. Speaker, today I offer my appreciation and that of all my colleagues for the spirit of volunteerism and community that characterize the unselfish dedication of the Foundation and its many members over the last 16 years to preserve this singular part of the history of Newton County and Southwest Missouri.

HONORING THE WHITE BEAR LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the White Bear Lake Police Department in my district for their reception of the 1999 Community Policing Award. Chosen from among hundreds of nominations from around the world, The International Association of Police Chiefs unanimously selected the White Bear Lake Police Department for their innovative approach to community problem-solving.

The White Bear Lake Police Department is distinguished for several programs designed to connect citizens to the law enforcement community. Programs such as Triad, the Police Academy, the Citizen Crime Prevention Committee, and a police partnership with the city's schools educate all citizens from age 5 to 95 in police prevention issues.

Recognizing the value of police officer involvement in the community, the White Bear Lake Police Department assigned every police officer to a specific neighborhood. This led to a greater sense of familiarity and understanding between local residents and the department. Law enforcement's successful approach to community policing provides a positive example for all neighborhoods across the nation.

The hardworking men and women of the White Bear Lake Police Department are another reason why White Bear Lake is a safe and great place to live. It is with heartfelt pride

and admiration that I congratulate them on winning the distinguished 1999 Community Policing Award.

I have included, for my colleagues review, an article which appeared in the White Bear Press, a local community newspaper. This article outlines the White Bear Lake Police Department's achievements and success in the international competition.

WHITE BEAR POLICE ARE "TOP COPS" IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

(By James C. Pittman)

The White Bear Lake Police Department has received the 1999 Community Policing Award from the International Association of Police Chiefs.

"We are very proud of this award," said Police Chief Todd Miller. "I think it is great recognition for everyone in the department and those in the community who help us."

White Bear Lakes was selected from hundreds of law enforcement agencies worldwide for their dedication to community policing programs. Four other U.S. departments were also selected. The International Association of Police Chiefs, in association with ITT Industries Night Vision, will feature the five winning departments as part of a "Best Practices In Community Policing" presentations.

Miller, who has been chief here for the past six years, said it is the department's philosophy to involve officers in the community. Those citizen-involved programs have been successful, he said.

They include Triad, which involves senior citizens in police prevention; the Police Academy, which graduates citizens who want to have greater understanding of police techniques; and the Citizen Crime Prevention Committee. In addition, there is a police partnership with the schools. He also emphasized that every police officer is assigned to specific neighborhoods.

Miller, a "scorer" in the competition in past years, said the association looks at problem-solving skills by police and citizens within a community.

He said the association judges were especially impressed with the department's work on the speeding issue, which they said was a well-organized attempt to implement a community policing policy.

Miller said he was told that the White Bear Lake Police Department was the unanimous decision of the committee that evaluated the departments. "And it was the first time that we entered the awards competition," he said.

The award will be presented at the police chiefs' annual conference Nov. 3 in Charlotte, N.C.

"The winning departments successfully demonstrated that community policing is proactive and effective policing, requiring a new way of thinking about and approaching community problem-solving," said Gary Kempfer, Missouri director of public safety. Kempfer serves as the chairman of the International Association of Police Chiefs Community Policing Committee.

The outstanding five departments represent five categories, based on population. The White Bear Lake Police Department was selected in the population category of 20,001 to 50,000 residents.

Each demonstrated a significant change in their approach to crime, from reactive to proactive. Departments divided communities into individual zones and dedicated officers to patrolling the same neighborhoods daily.

Other police departments chosen for the award represent Clearwater and Jacksonville in Florida; New Haven, Conn.; and Beaufort, S.C.

A preliminary panel of 14 judges and a final panel of six police chiefs reviewed hundreds

of nominations from the United States and six foreign countries, including Australia, Ireland and Germany. The first panel selected the top 32 nominations. The final panel reviewed the 32 nominations to select five winners and 14 finalists.

With more than 17,210 members in 112 countries, the International Association of Police Chiefs is the world's oldest and largest non-profit organization of police executives from international, federal, state and local agencies of all sizes.

TRIBUTE TO ADOLPH KULL

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Adolph Kull of Mattoon, Illinois. Today, a celebration will mark Mr. Kull's retirement from the Mattoon Coca-Cola bottling plant where he has worked for 75 years. He was hired by Coca-Cola on June 1, 1924, and worked there until August 31, 1999, when he retired. Mr. Kull's long-term commitment can not only be seen in his work, but also in his 60-year marriage to Victoria Kull, which has produced three wonderful children: Mark, Linda and Anita. I am sure his entire family, along with the entire Mattoon community, could not be more proud of Adolph's dedication, hard work and loyalty.

Perhaps success in the bottling business is genetic, because Adolph was not the first Kull to persevere in bottling. His father, a German immigrant, first started in the bottling business in 1891 in Murphysboro, Illinois. He started bottling Coca-Cola in 1904, and in 1928 he acquired the Mattoon Coca-Cola Bottling Company. There, Adolph began sorting bottles and doing odd jobs throughout the plant until the year following his graduation from high school when he began his job as a delivery driver in 1933. He worked as a delivery driver for 12 years, during which time the plant and the business continued to grow, even through the Depression. Mr. Kull claims that during the Depression, "everyone could still afford a Coke." When his father passed away in 1956, Adolph became President of the company, and was President until 1982 when the company was sold. Adolph was 68 when he sold the company, an age when many people are either comfortably retired or comfortable with the idea of retirement. However, Adolph's love for the business was still strong and Adolph took a job as a line supervisor until his retirement earlier this year.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kull's life is an example of the long-held American ethics of hard work and loyalty. I know that he will be sorely missed by everyone at Coca-Cola, where his presence has become a 75-year tradition. However, I am also sure that Adolph will enjoy his retirement spending time with his family and restoring the antique automobiles that he loves so much. I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adolph on many years of excellence, and in wishing him the best of luck in this new phase of his life.